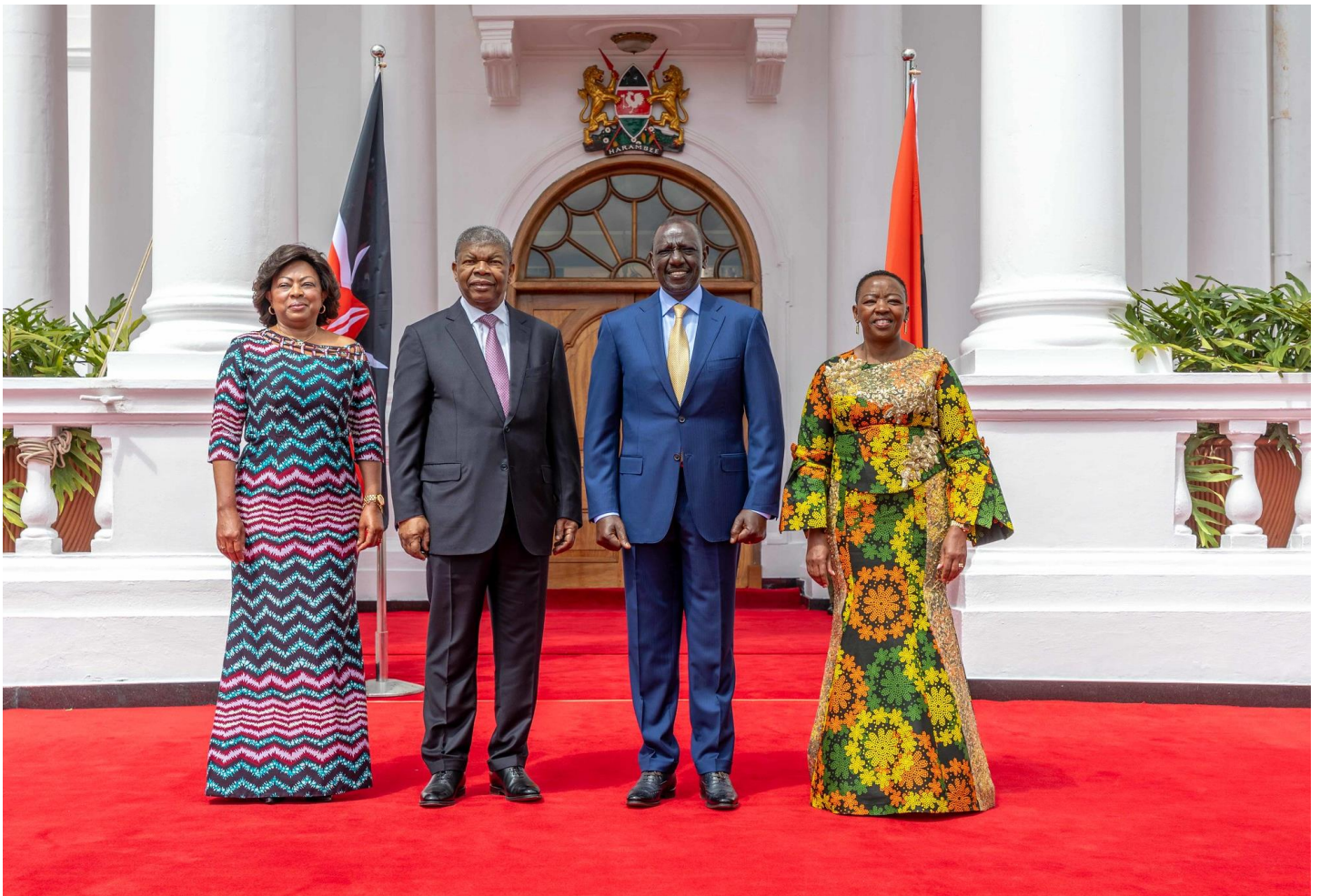


# KENYA - ANGOLA ENGAGEMENTS



The President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. President William Samoei Ruto and First Lady Rachel Ruto, with H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola and First Lady Ana Dias Lourenço, at State House Nairobi. *Photo credits: State House, Kenya*

## **State Visit**

Kenya welcomes Angola in historic State visit

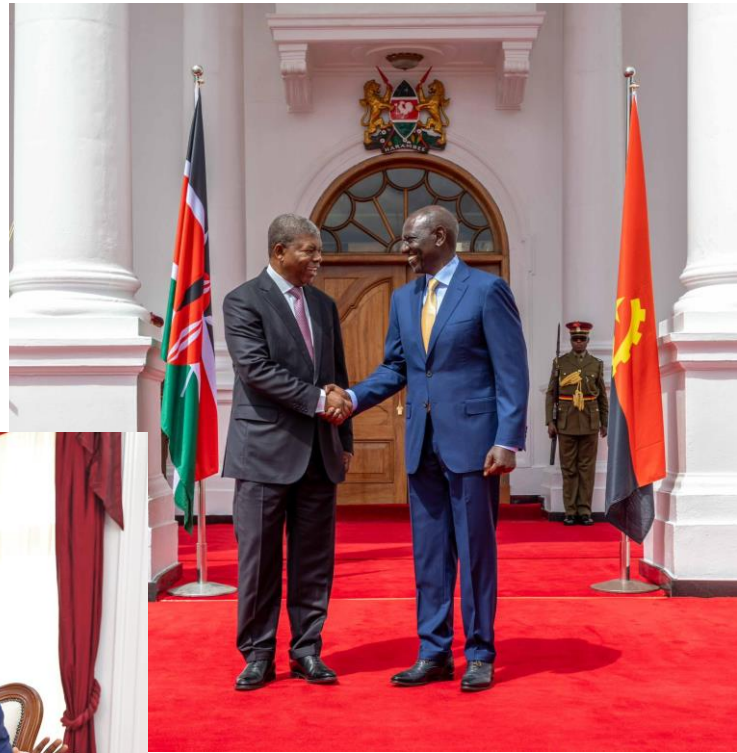
## **Bilateral Cooperation**

Inaugural Session of Kenya-Angola Joint Commission for Cooperation, held in Nairobi.

## **Diplomatic and other engagements**

Kenya Embassy in Angola diplomatic and other engagements.

# President of Angola on a State visit to Kenya



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# A new dawn for Kenya - Angola relations

H.E. President William Samoei Ruto, warmly welcomed the President of the Republic of Angola, H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, on a State visit to Kenya, from 19 to 21 October 2023. This visit was historic as it was the first by an Angolan Head of State.

The visit provided the much needed impetus to strengthen bilateral relations between Kenya and Angola and jumpstart a more robust and strategic engagement, for mutual benefit.

The two Presidents witnessed the signing of eleven (11) bilateral instruments of cooperation in the areas of: Wildlife Management and Conservation; Oil and Gas; Agriculture; Youth Development; Information Communication Technology and Telecommunications; Health; Geology and Mining; Forestry; Maritime Transport; Capacity Building for Public Administration; Diplomatic Training.

A return State visit to Angola, by the President of the Republic of Kenya, is anticipated soon.



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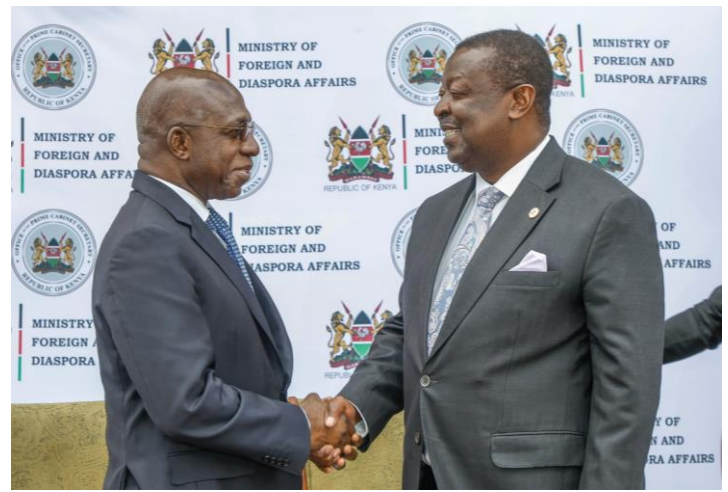
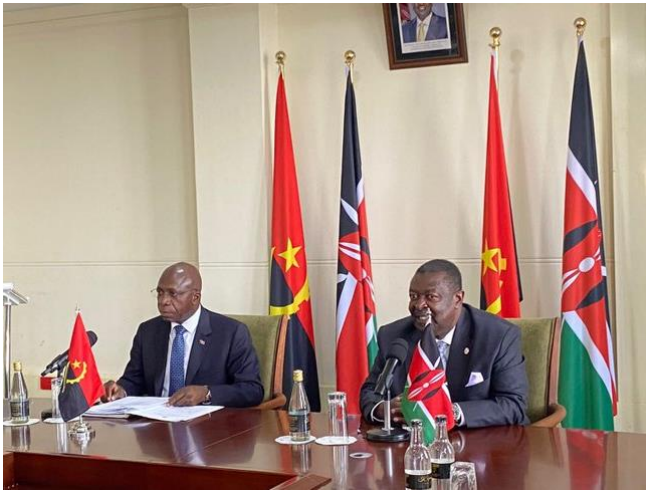
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Eleven (11) Instruments of Cooperation signed, paving the way for structured engagement.

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Strengthened bilateral relations.

# Kenya - Angola Joint Commission for Cooperation



*Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, with the Minister of External Relations of Angola, H.E. Tête António.*

In efforts to establish a structured bilateral engagement, Kenya hosted the Inaugural Session of the Kenya-Angola Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) in Nairobi.



The JCC was held in two segments, from 16 to 18 October 2023 at Technical level and on 19 October 2023 at Ministerial level.

It preceded the first ever State visit to Kenya by an Angolan Head of State held from 19 - 21 October 2023.

The JCC discussed comprehensively the areas of cooperation and agreed on an implementation roadmap. This culminated in the signing of 11 bilateral instruments of cooperation during the State visit.

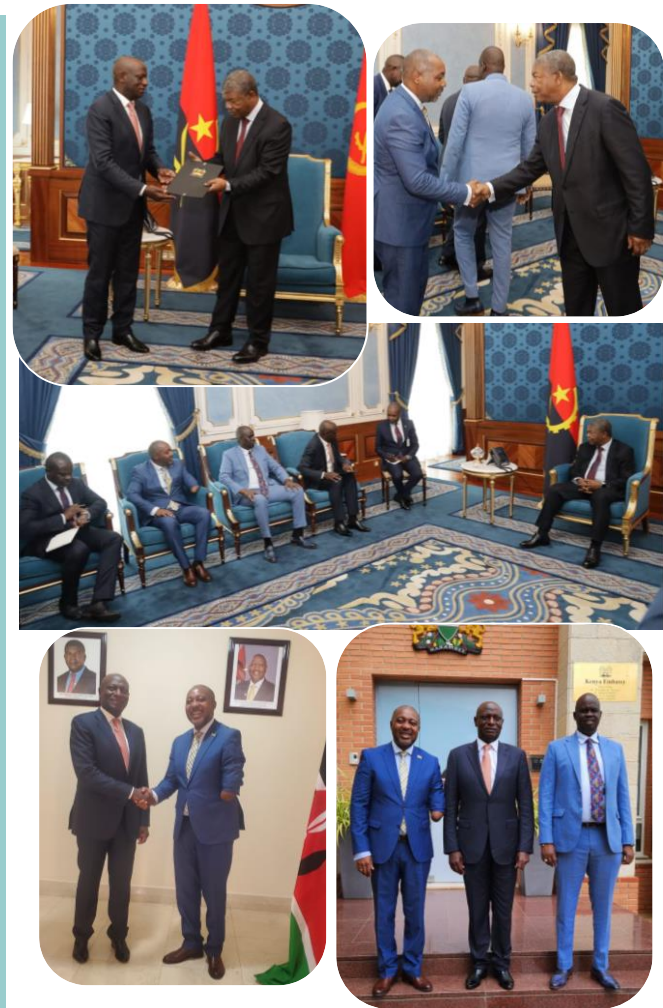
Tangible benefits will be realized through implementation of the agreed roadmap as well as the signed instruments of cooperation.

This will concretise engagement and unlock the immense potential in the relations of the two countries.



# Exchange of High Level Official Visits

Period	Session/activity	Details of the delegation
29 April 2024	International Development Assistance (IDA21) Summit for Africa, held in Nairobi.	<b>Angola</b> delegation, led by H.E. Victor Hugo Guilherme, Minister of Economy and Planning
22 April 2024	Connected Africa 24 Summit (CAS24), held in Nairobi.	<b>Angola</b> delegation, led by H.E. Mario Augusto da Silva Oliveira, Minister for Telecommunications, Information Technologies, and Media Sector
8 April 2024	Delivery of a special message for H.E. the President of Kenya by the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region to H.E. the President of Angola.	<b>Kenya</b> delegation was led by Hon. Charles Keter, Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region.
Feb 2024	Working visit to Kenya.	<b>Angola</b> delegation, led by H.E. General João Pereira Massano, Head of Military Intelligence and Security Service (SISM).
26 Feb to 1 Mar 2024	UNEA-6, Nairobi, Kenya.	<b>Angola</b> delegation led by H.E. Ana Paula Chantre Luna de Carvalho Pereira, Minister of Environment of the Republic of Angola.
17-21 February 2024	64th Session of the OACPS Parliamentary Session and First Session of the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, held in Angola.	<b>Kenya</b> delegation, comprising members of the Senate and National Assembly, was led by Hon. Gladys Jepkosgei Boss, MGH, MP, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MGH, MP, Deputy Speaker of the Senate was also part of the delegation.
23-27 October 2023	147th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, held in Angola.	<b>Kenya</b> delegation comprising Members of the Senate and the National Assembly, was led by Rt. Hon. Amason Jeffah Kingi, EGH, Speaker of the Senate.
16-18 October 2023	Inaugural session of the Kenya-Angola Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC), held in Kenya.	<b>Angola</b> delegation, led by the Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, H.E. Tête António.
September 2023	Africa Climate Summit, held in Nairobi, Kenya.	<b>Angola</b> delegation, led by the Vice President of the Republic of Angola, H.E. Esperança da Costa.
13-14 July 2023	43 <sup>rd</sup> Ordinary session of the AU Executive Council, held in Nairobi.	<b>Angola</b> delegation, led by the Minister of External Relations of Angola, H.E. Tête António.
5-6 July 2023	Ordinary Meeting of the Committee of the Chiefs of Defence Staff of the ICGLR, held in Angola.	<b>Kenya</b> delegation led by Lt. Gen. Jonah Mwangi, Vice Chief of Defence Forces.
7 July 2023	Meeting of Ministers of Defence of the ICGLR, held in Angola	<b>Kenya</b> delegation led by Lt. Gen. Jonah Mwangi, Vice Chief of Defence Forces.



Hon. Charles Keter, Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region delivered a Special message to H. E. President João Lourenço regarding the South Sudan peace process. He was accompanied by Mr. Aboug Albino Ayuel, Special Envoy of the President of South Sudan. They also paid a courtesy call on the Embassy.



*Courtesy call on the Embassy by Kenya delegation to OACPS.*

# Bilateral Cooperation and Engagements

Mr. Andrew Agufana Mujivane, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. (CDA a.i.), receives General Altino dos Santos, Chief of General Staff of the Angolan Armed Forces, on 25 April 2024. The General visited the Embassy and signed the condolence book in honour of the late Gen. Francis Ogolla, Chief of the Defence Forces of Kenya.



On 2 April, 2024, CDA a.i. paid a courtesy call on H.E. Adão de Almeida, Minister of State and Chief of Staff of Civil Affairs of the President of the Republic of Angola, and discussed the finalisation of visa free regime between the two countries.



CDA a.i. called on Sara Assunção, Director of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of External Relations on 15 August 2023. They discussed participation of Angola at the highest level at the Africa Climate Summit, 4-6 September 2023, Nairobi, among other multilateral issues of mutual interest.



CDA a.i. continuously engaged via several meetings with Amb. Jorge Cardoso, Director for Africa, Middle East and Regional Organisations, Ministry of External Relations.

The regular meetings continuously evaluated the status of relations and implementation of bilateral cooperation.



On 29 Aug 2023, CDA a.i, called on H.E Ana Paula de Carvalho, Minister for Environment. They discussed Angola’s high level representation to the Africa Climate Summit, 4-6 September 2023. Discussions also featured cooperation both at multilateral and bilateral levels on environmental issues and the conclusion of pending MOUs between Kenya and Angola.

The good collaboration between the Embassy and the Ministry of External Relations greatly contributed to enhanced Kenya-Angola relations and the milestones achieved in the recent past, particularly the Inaugural Joint Commission for Cooperation and the State visit.

# Economic Diplomacy in Angola



CDA a.i. meeting with H.E. Amadeu de Jesus Alves Nunes, Secretary of State for Trade of the Republic of Angola, on 3 October 2023. Discussions centred on strengthening economic ties and fostering private sector engagement between the two countries. Further, they agreed to identify specific areas of cooperation, including speeding up the conclusion of the proposed MOU on trade and investment, ahead of the inaugural Joint Commission for Cooperation and State visit to Kenya by the President of Angola.

The Government of Angola, among key reforms, introduced the economic diversification programme. The government has launched initiatives to promote sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, construction, and tourism. Regulatory reforms and infrastructure development aim to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and improve the business climate.

Angola's agenda to diversify its economy brings about immense opportunities for cooperation and partnership.

Currently, agriculture and tourism sectors are high on the priority list for Angola. Kenya is keen to leverage the opportunity to advance bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, and tourism.

In efforts to create a conducive environment for Kenyan businesses and/or investors to pursue trade and investment opportunities in Angola, the Mission:-

- Held forums with stakeholders in Angola in the various State and Provincial Institutions;
- Undertook market surveys and engaged with the Governors, business community and visited select companies and tourism sites in the Provinces; and
- Continued to promote Kenya's capacity for trade as well as Kenyan goods and services in Angola.

These sustained efforts are also geared towards: -

- Establishing agreements/MoUs between the umbrella trade and tourism bodies, promotion agencies and standard bodies.
- Holding and participating in business forums, fairs, exhibitions and other B2B engagements.
- Developing a strategy to ensure easy access to Kenyan products in the Angolan market, such as establishing warehouses for Kenyan goods.
- Improving logistics between Kenya and Angola, through reinstatement of direct Kenya Airways passenger flights and introduction of cargo flights.

# African group of Ambassadors visit to Huila and Namibe



Mr. Andrew Mujivane, CDA a.i., accompanied the African Group of Ambassadors resident in Angola on a tour of Huila Province in Southern Angola, from 10 - 13 September 2023.

The tour is among the periodic visits organised by the Group to various regions of Angola, as part of economic diplomacy, in the spirit of the Continental vision of the 'Africa we Want'. The visits are supported by the Ministry of External Relations of Angola.

During the visit, the group engaged H.E. Nuno Mahapi, Governor of Huila Province, senior members of the provincial government and business community. Trade and investment opportunities in the Province were discussed. The CDA promoted Kenya's capacity for trade and investment and identified opportunities in agriculture and livestock production, agroindustry, mining, and transformation, especially in granite and tourism.

The Group proceeded with a visit to Namibe Province, from 13 - 16 September 2023. Engagements included discussions with H.E. Archer Mangureira, Governor of Namibe Province, a business forum, a visit to the University of Namibe, select companies and tourism sites.

These visits have served as a platform to undertake market surveys collectively and appreciate the various opportunities in different sectors of the economy.





# All Tea, All Kenyan, All the time



Kenya is one of the largest tea exporters in the world. Kenya is the leading exporter of black CTC teas in the world accounting for about 22% of global exports.

The Kenyan tea, known for its superior quality and its rich and robust flavour, is popular both locally and internationally.

It is grown in various regions of Kenya, mostly the highlands around the Rift Valley, at an altitude of 1,500 - 2,700 metres above sea level. The highlands are spread across 19 tea-growing counties: Nakuru, Narok, Kericho, Bomet, Nyamira, Kisii, Kakamega, Bungoma, Vihiga, Nandi, Elgeyo Marakwet, Trans-Nzoia, Kiambu, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Embu, Tharaka-Nithi, and Meru.

The Kenyan tea industry has expanded to include flavoured and speciality tea, suitable for all tastes and every occasion.



## Visit by KTDA Representative

The Kenya Embassy in Angola is committed to collaborate with Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) and other sector players in promoting access to Kenyan tea in the Angolan market.

In August 2023, the CDA a.i. received Mr. Jeremia Mungathia, Regional Marketing Manager, Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA), on a visit to Angola to explore the market for Kenyan tea.



Mr. Mungathia was introduced to Eng. Vicente Soares, President of Angola Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where he had indepth discussions. He also visited major super markets in Luanda as part of the market pride survey.

**Fun fact:** 21 May is the International Tea Day, designated by the United Nations to highlight the cultural and economic significance of tea.



## Kenyan Tea, All the Time

A sip of the Kenyan tea is an adventure. The perfect combination of climate and soil creates a tea like no other. It has a rich and robust taste, distinctive bright colour, and refreshing aroma, leaving one craving for more.

The tea leaves are carefully handpicked and expertly processed to preserve their natural flavors. Commitment to quality and excellence is evident in every cup.

The Embassy leverages on every courtesy call, every meeting, every encounter, every opportunity to bring the exceptional taste of Kenyan tea to the global community in Angola. This has created a demand for the the unparalleled quality of Kenyan tea.

Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) and other sector players are instrumental in promoting access to Kenyan tea in the Angolan market.



*Amb. Joyce Khasimwa Mmaitzi and Mr. Andrew Agufana Mujivane, spreading the goodness of the Kenyan tea to the Angolan Community and the Diplomatic Community in Angola.*



# AFROCAN 2023 Basketball championship

The Kenyan Basketball team participated in AFROCAN 2023 championship, held from 8-16 July 2023, in Luanda, Angola.



*The team with Kenyans in Angola and Embassy Staff*

The Tournament, brought together 12 teams from Angola, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Gabon, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda and Tunisia. The Kenyan team played five (5) games in total, short of making it to the finals. Embassy staff and Kenyans in Angola turned up to cheer the team.



*The Team Officials with Embassy staff*



## Women U20 Football Match

Kenya Women's U20 national football team, Harambee Starlets, played the second leg of the World Cup qualifier match against Angola National Women U20 in Luanda, Angola, on 14 October 2023. Embassy staff and Kenyans in Angola turned up in large numbers to cheer the team. The Kenyan team won the match 4-0.



## Davis Cup Africa Group IV, Tennis Tournament



The Embassy welcomed on 17 June 2024, Kenya's Senior Men's tennis team: Kevin Cheruiyot, brothers Kael and Kean Shah, Albert Njogu, Ibrahim Yego and their Captain, George Oyoo. The Team participated in the World Cup of Tennis (Davis Cup) Tournament, held from 19-22 June 2024, at the Academia de Ténis Kikuxi Villas Club in Luanda, Angola. A squad of Embassy staff and Kenyans in Angola witnessed their last match on 22 June 2024. The team will be back in Angola in 2025 for another tournament. Other teams were from: Algeria, Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, DRC, Rwanda and Senegal.



# Diaspora engagement



The Embassy hosted the Kenyans in Angola, at the Chancery, on 3 November 2023. The Mission used the opportunity to undertake registration of some of the participants who were visiting the Embassy for the first time.

In his address, Mr. Andrew Mujivane, CDA a.i., appreciated the support the Kenyans in Angola continue to extend to the Mission. He reiterated the Government's commitment to address the needs of Kenyans in the Diaspora and the value of Diaspora Associations as the interface for enhanced interaction.

The CDA a.i. underscored the importance of Diaspora Associations, citing the power of people coming together for a common cause. He urged for finalization of the restructuring process, including adoption of the Constitution and election of new officials, to enable the Association move forward.

The CDA a.i reassured them of the Mission's support. He then invited them to a taste of home, courtesy of Kenyan culinary delights and the legendary Kenyan tea.

## New Diaspora Leadership



The CDA a.i. with the leadership of the Association of Kenyans in Angola on 1 May 2024, following their election in April 2024.

The team comprises:

Mr. Micah Wambugu, Chairperson;  
Mr. Nick Wandeo, Vice-Chairperson;  
Mr. James Muthusi, Secretary;  
Ms. Sally Luduva, Assistant Secretary;  
Mr. Patrick Ndunda, Organising Secretary;  
Ms. Cynthia Cheptoo, Treasurer;  
Ms. Haddasah Mwende, Assistant Treasurer.



# Diaspora engagement

On 23 May 2024, Amb. Joyce Khasimwa M'maitsi met with Kenyan Expatriates working at Intercontinental Hotel in Luanda, that is, Mr. Anthony Njogu, Director of Information Technology and Eng. Joseph Busienei, Director, Engineering. They discussed the value and impact of the Kenyan labour force in the sector; skills transfer to the Angolans via premier hospitality training at Kenya Utalii College and Top Chef Colleges in Kenya; and, the need for enhanced cooperation with Angola in the tourism sector.



On 21 June 2024, Embassy staff, led by Amb. Joyce Khasimwa M,maitisi, paid a visit to Father Paul Wakoli Waswa, who is serving as a Missionary in Benguela Province, at Saint John the Baptist Parish, Diocese of Benguela. The Church is located in Bairro São João.

The Embassy facilitated and participated in a Diaspora event, supporting Kenyan parents with children at Luanda International School, during an inter-cultural event on 16 September 2023.



## New Ambassador of Kenya to Angola



Arrival and welcome of Amb. Joyce Khasimwa Mmaitsi, Ambassador - Designate Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of the Republic of Kenya to the Republic of Angola, on 10 May 2024. The Ambassador-Designate was received by members of the African Group of Ambassadors led by the Vice Dean, Amb. Mekhalle Ebade Mohamed of Mauritania as well as the Ministry of External Relations of Angola and the Embassy Staff.



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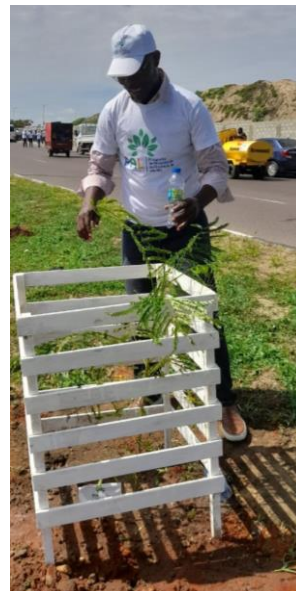
1. Bidding farewell to the outgoing Administrative Attaché, Ms. Grace Wambugu, December 2023.
2. Welcoming the new Administrative Attaché, Ms. Peris Ochuku, January 2024.
3. Welcoming the new Deputy Head of Mission, Ms. Dorcas Rukunga, June 2024.

## Embassy Staff at Tree Planting Exercise

Conscious actions towards improving the environment contribute immensely to efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Kenya Embassy staff participated in planting the first 6,000 trees in the municipality of Luanda, on Saturday, 16 December 2023, under the Luanda Afforestation Programme (PAL). The exercise was led by the Governor of the Province of Luanda, Mr. Manuel Gomes da Conceição Homen.

The programme was launched by the Provincial Government of Luanda on 15 December 2023. It targets to plant more than 1 million trees by 2027 and about 10 million by 2034 at the Province level.



# Celebrating Kenya @ 60

The Embassy hosted Jamhuri day celebrations on 8 December 2023. Host Government Officials, Diplomatic Corps, the Private Sector and Kenyans in Angola joined the Mission in celebrating Kenya @ 60.

In his remarks, Mr. Andrew Mujivane, Charge d’Affaires a.i., highlighted the admirable progress in the political, economic and social spheres and saluted the resilience of the Kenyan people. He highlighted the President of Kenya’s role, as the African Champion on Climate Change, in hosting the first ever African Climate Change Summit in September 2023 in Nairobi. The adoption of the Nairobi Declaration, was instrumental in galvanizing the African voice on the climate change discourse as Africa seeks to take its rightful position on the decision making table as well as rallying the Continent and the world to take bold action including reimagining the global financial architecture, markets and institutions to enable robust response to climate change.



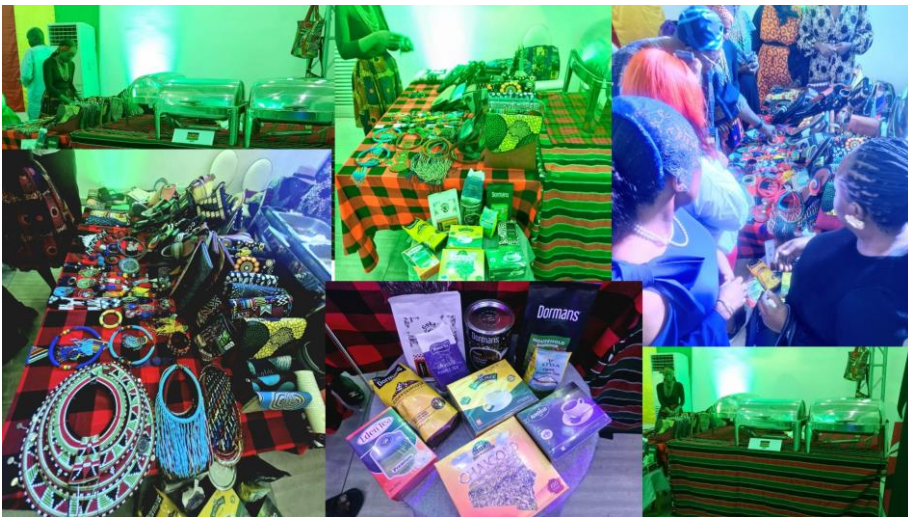
# Africa day celebrations 2024



The Embassy showcased Kenya's warm hospitality, culinary delights and beautiful artefacts during the Africa day celebrations held on 25 May 2024, at the Clube dos Caçadores, in Miramar, Luanda. The organization of the celebrations was a collaborative effort of the Ministry of External Relations of Angola and the resident African Diplomatic Missions in Angola.



Kenyan Diaspora displayed their artefacts at the Kenyan stand and also participated in the colourful event.







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